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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks. Claims 31, 32, 39, 40, 47 and 48 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 8, 15, 25-30, 33-38 and 41-46 are pending.

Rejection of the claims

The most recent Office Action rejected claims 1, 8 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,992,687 ("Baird").

Claim 1 recites:

1. A method performed by a computer system, comprising:
storing an electronic version of a paper, wherein the electronic version is displayable on a display device as a likeness of the paper; and
in response to content of a first portion of the likeness, forming a hyperlink reference and embedding the hyperlink reference within the first portion of the likeness, wherein the hyperlink reference is associated with a second portion of the likeness, such that when the first portion of the likeness is displayed on the display device, at least a portion of the content is selectable by a user to cause the computer system to display the second portion of the likeness on the display device, and wherein the content is at least one of the following: a term that indicates a location at which the second portion of the likeness is located within the paper; and a phrase that indicates the location.

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Claim 8 recites:

8. A system, comprising:
a computing device for:
storing an electronic version of a paper, wherein the electronic version is displayable on a display device as a likeness of the paper; and
in response to content of a first portion of the likeness, forming a hyperlink reference and embedding the hyperlink reference within the first portion of the likeness, wherein the hyperlink reference is associated with a second portion of the likeness, such that when the first portion of the likeness is displayed on the display device, at least a portion of the content is selectable by a user to cause the computing device to display the second portion of the likeness on the display device, and wherein the content is at least one of the following: a term that indicates a location at which the second portion of the likeness is located within the paper; and a phrase that indicates the location.

Claim 15 recites:

15. A computer program product stored on a tangible computer-readable medium, comprising:
a computer program processable by a computer system for causing the computer system to:
store an electronic version of a paper, wherein the electronic version is displayable on a display device as a likeness of the paper; and
in response to content of a first portion of the likeness, form a hyperlink reference and embed the hyperlink reference within the first portion of the likeness, wherein the hyperlink reference is associated with a second portion of the likeness, such that when the first portion of the likeness is displayed on the display device, at least a portion of the content is selectable by a user to cause the computer system to display the second portion of the likeness on the display device, and wherein the content is at least one of the following: a term that indicates a location at which the second portion of the likeness is located within the paper; and a phrase that indicates the location.

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In MPEP § 2131, the PTO provides that:

“[t]o anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim....”

Therefore, to sustain a rejection of claim 1, Baird must contain all of the above-recited elements in claim 1. However, Baird fails to teach the combination of elements in claim 1. In fact, Baird teaches away from such a combination.

For example, claim 1 recites (in part), ***“in response to content of a first portion of the likeness, forming a hyperlink reference*** and embedding the hyperlink reference within the first portion of the likeness, wherein the hyperlink reference is associated with a second portion of the likeness, such that when the first portion of the likeness is displayed on the

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